

**DECISION RECORD
AND
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

RED DEVIL MINE

I. Decision:

It is my decision to demolish the retort building and continue environmental investigations at the Red Devil Mine, near the community of Red Devil, Alaska, at T. 19 N., R. 44 W., SE 1/4, Section 6, Seward Meridian, starting June 1, 2000. Additional planned activities include an asbestos survey of all site buildings, asbestos removal at the retort building, fuel pipe inspection and cleaning, installation of groundwater monitoring wells, and installation of a gate at the site entrance.

II. Rationale for Decision:

The Proposed Action removes contaminants from the environment and protects the environment from future contamination. Additional site characterization (sampling) is required to determine what actions must be taken in the future to cleanup this contaminated site. The lands are within the boundary of the Alaska Southwest Planning Area Management Framework Plan (MFP), dated November 1984. The Proposed Action is the most environmentally protective option. This plan conforms to requirements of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), associated Alaska statutes, and site specific guidance by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact:

Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, I have determined that the impacts are not expected to be significant and an environmental impact statement is not required.

IV. ANILCA Section 810 Compliance:

No restrictions of subsistence uses under Section 810 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) have been found.

/s/ Clinton E. Hanson, Acting
Field Manager

(04-18-00)
Date